

POVERTY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1979

- 272,000 persons in families with incomes below Statistics Canada low income cut-offs; 10.7% of British Columbia's total population.
- 9.6% of total poor in Canada.
- 63% of poor adults in British Columbia are women.
- *Poverty by age*

AGE	NUMBER OF POOR	% OF TOTAL POOR	POOR AS A % OF TOTAL IN AGE GROUP
0-17	68,000	25	9.4
18-64	133,000	49	8.6
65+	71,000	26	26.3
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- Half the poor are adults under age 65.

- *Poverty by family type*

FAMILY TYPE	NUMBER OF POOR	% OF TOTAL POOR	POOR AS A % OF TOTAL IN FAMILY TYPE
Unattached individuals	101,000	37	28.1
Two-parent families*	68,000	25	5.0
One-parent families*	55,000	20	34.1
Couples/adult families	48,000	18	7.5
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(*With children under 18)

- 45% of the poor are in families with children.